

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., May 14, 1878.—10:30 a. m. For the Middle States rising barometer, north-west to northeast winds, cooler or partly cloudy weather.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.—The primary election to-day has been progressing very quietly, but at the same time, great interest has been manifested, and quite a large vote polled. Various questions of dispute have arisen, but all have been settled without trouble, except in the Third Ward, where Mr. Charles F. Markell, who has announced himself as an independent candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, presented his ballot, which was refused by the Judges. Mr. Markell appealed to the Conservator Committee, who held a meeting at noon, and sustained his claim to vote. Some words of a personal character occurred between Mr. Markell and one of the judges, but no blows were struck. One of the pleasant incidents of the day was the appearance of the three candidates for the majority who rode together, in the same barouche, to the various polls and were heartily received. Of the results of course, no opinion can be given, but the vote polled up to four o'clock this evening, was as follows:

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| 1st ward..... | 219 |
| 2nd ward..... | 232 |
| 3rd ward..... | 430 |
| 4th ward..... | 222 |

Total..... 1123

The prospect is that nearly, if not quite, 1300 votes will be cast in the largest vote in a primary election for years.

It is the prevailing impression that Messrs. Kemper, for mayor, and Brent for Commonwealth's Attorney, have been nominated, by considerable majorities.